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Re:

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U.S. Utility Patent Application

Application No. 09/458,302; Filed: December 10, 1999

Inducing Cellular Immune Responses to Carcinoembryonic Antigen

Using Peptide and Nucleic Acid Compositions

Inventors:

FIKES et al.

Our Ref:

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

- 1. Amendment and Reply to Notice to Comply with Requirements for Patent Application Containing Nucleotide Sequence and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures;
- Exhibit 1; and 2.
- 3. Return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated September 9, 2004, Applicants submit the following Amendment and Remarks. This Amendment is provided in the following format:

- (A) Each section begins on a separate sheet;
- (B) Starting on a separate sheet, amendments to the specification by presenting replacement paragraphs marked up to show changes made; and
- (C) Starting on a separate sheet, the Remarks.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.